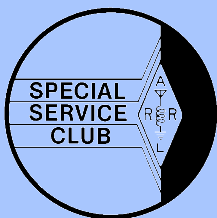




The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society's **EXCITER**

GET INVOLVED

- RARS General Membership meeting: Second Tuesday of the month.
- The RARS net meets every night except Saturday @ 8 p.m. on 146.640.
- The RARS Technical & Trader's net: Saturdays @ 8:00 PM on 146.64.
- ~~RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the First Tuesday of each month.~~



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Interested in helping? Visit
<https://www.rars.org/public-service.php>

frequently for our 2021
ham public service
schedule.

RARS General Meeting

Main Topic: N1MM Field Day Logging
program (contest logging program)

Presenter: Tom Lewis, N4TL

Date: May 11, 2021

Time: Meeting at 7:30 PM, informal
gathering at 7PM on Zoom.

Where: Zoom

RARS Net Monthly Summary

April net statistics:

31 nets
537 checkins
867 minutes

Julie Royster KT4JR
RARS net manager

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The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS) was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the amateur radio community in the greater Triangle area. In 1999, the society incorporated a new RARS and obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status.

The objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through amateur radio; to be of public service by providing radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic needs; to educate members in radio technique, and to provide training classes to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is eligible to apply for membership. Dues for regular licensed amateurs are \$18 per year (from July 1 through June 30). Additional immediate family members pay \$5 each per year. Dues for licensed amateurs older than 59 or younger than 16 are \$12 per year. Dues for non-licensed associate members are \$9 per year. Applications for membership may be obtained from the treasurer or on the RARS website.

<https://www.rars.org>

Exciter

The Exciter is the official newsletter of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. It appears each month as a PDF on the RARS website at www.rars.org. Members receive email notification when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Treasurer.

The Exciter welcomes articles, advertisements, and other contributions. To submit a piece to the newsletter, please contact the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. The submission deadline for each month's Exciter is the Saturday that is ten days before the general meeting. All submissions must be final. Drafts are not accepted.

The views expressed in the Exciter are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or RARS.

Tom Lewis, N4TL, editor (editor@rars.org)

For Your Information

RARS General Meeting

Date: Second Tuesday of each month

Location: Ridge Road Baptist Church 2011
Ridge Road Raleigh, NC, 27607

Time: People begin arriving at 7 p.m. The
meeting officially begins at 7:30 p.m.

RARS Monthly Dinner

All members and guests are welcome to the monthly (first Tuesday) RARS Supper, 6:30PM, at the IHOP Restaurant, 7471 Six Forks road, 27615. Its on the corner of Six Forks road and Sawmill Road, 6:30 PM to 8PM They have a room for us that is to the left when you enter the restaurant. Informal and Dutch, just bring your appetite and best rag to chew.

RARS Repeaters in Raleigh

145.130, 146.640 and 444.525

Join us for the nightly RARS net at 8 p.m. on the 146.640 repeater. All hams holding a Technician class license or higher are invited to check in. We welcome both RARS and non-RARS members to the net.

There is a net Listing on the RARS web-site click here. <https://www.rars.org/nets.php>

VE Testing

The RARS VEs will accept walk-in testing in February, May, August and November at 5:30PM, prior to RARS membership meetings at Ridge Road Baptist Church; the RARSfest in April; the Cary Swapfest in July; the JARS-Fest in November; and following RARS license classes. Please bring a photo ID, your original and a copy of your current license, your \$14 exam fee, and any valid CSCEs that prove passing elements beyond that of your current license. Visit <https://www.rars.org> for more information.

FREE

FREE

The AB4OZ HamFest will be SATURDAY, May 8, 2021.

**10:00 am, Setup at 9:00 am. 6200
Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC**

**in the Pleasant Valley Shopping
Center parking lot.**

**Weather permitting. Check on
[QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) to be sure its on.**

**Masks required around anyone not in
your household**

April 13, 2021 RARS meeting

The meeting was held on Zoom, as we have been since the covid-19 pandemic started. Many members connected from 7PM on. President John Honeycutt, N8ZU, ran the formal part of the meeting. See the meeting minutes on [page 26](#) for details. After the formal part of the meeting. Tom, N4TL, asked everyone to mute their microphones. He introduced Marv, WA4NC. Who spoke about the ARRL and Ham radio.

More about Marv [North Carolina ARRL Section Official Biographies \(ncarrl.org\)](https://ncarrl.org)



Marv Hoffman, WA4NC, North Carolina Section Manager

April 13, 2021 RARS meeting, continued

ARRL AND HAM RADIO
TODAY

Or

WHAT HAS ARRL DONE
FOR YOU LATELY?

Marv Hoffman, WA4NC
NC Section Manager
wa4nc@arrl.org



ARRL is Public Service

Amateur Radio is a valuable volunteer emergency communications service and public resource.

[Learn More](#)



ARRL is Advocacy

ARRL is Education

ARRL is Technology

ARRL is Membership

April 13, 2021 RARS meeting, continued

 TL Tom Lewis, N4TL (Me)	 CK Chuck, K4HF	 K- KE4IHX - Al Nickle
 KM4JRH - Mark (Host)	 Chuck-K4RGN	 D KK4UGY
 JH John Honeycutt - N8ZU (Co-host)	 Curt W4CP	 LR Lee Rogers WB4DRJ
 MW Marv WA4NC NC (Co-host)	 David KO4NTB	 Lowell K4EUP
 BK Brantley K4CBW	 dennis WZ0Q	 MM Margaret Magnani
 Tadd (KA2DEW) Torborg	 Devin Hedge KN4FVH	 MB mike butler K4MBX
 KA Ken AD4GX	 Dick KD4ISC	 RH Richard Hall K7RLH
 MK MEME KE4NGM	 Doug - AD4UL	 RK roger k4kk
 AG4DB - Daniel	 Garry Bartels	 RN Ryan N7RYN
 AS Al Sutton-N4EII	 Greg KE4PAX	 SG Sandy Gerli
 AA Alan AB4OZ	 Howard, N4KYW	 SL Steve Little
 Anthony KO4KTZ NC	 Jay Mulik (WJ0J)	 TN Tom NC4TS
 BW Bill Wade KO4GQL	 Jerry KE4TTS	 Tyler KO4BZA
 BW Bob, W4GIA	 Jim KM4WRK	 VN Virginia NC4VA
 BN Bob. N4GEB	 John, NC4JP	 CK Charles KM4AMT
 C Card	 Julie (WE3T)	 CK Cliff KA7NSU
 CD Carl Davis W8WZ	 Julie KG7LZZ	 David Peterson KN8DAP
 CK Carl KJ4WD	 K2HJX- Jeremy Lindsley	 DN Doug N3LTV
 C&R Charles & Ronda	 K4HM - Hank	 KB KI4PAC Bruce
 C Charles-WA4OSS	 KB4NC - Manny	 RN Richard N1FUA

RARS Zoom Meeting 60 Participants

FIELD DAY 2021: JUST OVER THE HORIZON

By Curt Phillips W4CP

Ham radio's biggest annual event, Field Day 2021 on June 26 & 27 (set-up day, June 25) is less than eight weeks away, and preparations are well underway. Yes, it will be full, independent, "traditional" Field Day at a favorite Field Day location, Carroll's farm.

On Saturday, May 1, a group of hams trained in putting up an AB-577 "rocket launcher" mast with great success. Pictured here is the mast and beam at the beginning of raising it on the mast, and the other with it at its full 50 foot height.

We will have two of these masts at Field Day, and with access to two multiplexers, our CW and phone HF stations will have access to antennas at a height which should provide them with a substantial advantage during the event.

Many other preparations are taking place now. We're going to have a GREAT Field Day and I hope you will be a part of it! If you have ideas or would like to be on the Field Day Update mailing list, email curt@w4cp.com.

Many thanks to Mark KM4JRH, David KN4CUZ, Richard K4KVH, Brue KI4PAC, Dave KK4ELT, Mike KN4GUN who participated the test and training. Special thanks to Marty W4MY and David W4OFO for leading the training.



Putting up an AB-577 "rocket launcher"



Putting up an AB-577 "rocket launcher"

*Uncle Hiram
Percy Maxim
wants **YOU***



**To participate in
RARS Field Day!**

email: curt@w4cp.com

Future RARS Meeting Topics

Titles, topics, and speakers **subject to change.**

6/15/2021	Field Day	Field Day Chair Curt Phillips, W4CP
7/13/2021	HF Propagation Thanks to Bill Morine, N2COP for helping me find an expert	Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA http://k9la.us/
8/10/2021	NCPACKET, a several-county-wide only-on-ham-radio social network.	Tadd Torborg, KA2DEW
9/14/2021	Wind turbines, solar power & traditional ways of generating electricity	Brian Henderson, VE6ZS Calgary, Alberta, Canada
10/12/2021	RARS Officers nominations & New FCC RF Safety rules	Election committee & Chuck Till, K4RGN
11/9/2021	RARS Officers election and Show and Tell	Election committee & members
12/14/2021	RARS Officers induction & Meteor Scatter	Zach Thompson, KM4BLG Asheville, NC

**During the Zoom meetings please keep
your microphone muted.**

The next few meeting of RARS will be held using Zoom at 7:30PM. Zoom is a conferencing application that runs on computers, tablets and phones. The meeting ID will be sent out to everyone via email.

Quick start guide for new Zoom users

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360034967471-Quick-start-guide-for-new-users#h_b0c98dfa-d90f-486d-9617-71ab7b41a273

Zoom help center

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

During all of our Zoom meetings please edit your name so your call is shown. Do a right click on your own image and choose rename. Add your call after your name. Thanks.

<https://www.rars.org>

RARS Birthdays

George	N2GXC	05/01
Richard	K7RLH	05/01
Matt	NC4SU	05/03
Pete	K4BLY	05/03
Julie	KM4JEN	05/04
Ron	KJ4DNS	05/04
John	KJ4JAS	05/04
Larry	KG4FIQ	05/05
Jean-Phillip	KO4BZB	05/05
Liz	KO4CK	05/05
Wayne	K6TWX	05/08
Malcolm	KN4PJQ	05/08
Hank	K4HM	05/08
John	N4JMB	05/08
Tom	N4UAK	05/08
Carla	KB4MDY	05/09
Brian	KA9QJT	05/10
Bob	NC1X	05/11
David	KC4DFB	05/12
Chuck	AE4CD	05/12
Wally	NC1NC	05/15
Joe	AF1E	05/16
Frank	W4NPN	05/17
Cam	KU4VY	05/17
Chris	KE4TMO	05/17
Larry	K1ZW	05/20

RARS Birthdays

Bill	AK4BL	05/20
Phillip	N4HF	05/23
Lyn	WA4GEH	05/24
Joe	K4UOO	05/24
Lyle	KN4YYU	05/27
Ken	AD4GX	05/31
Neil	KM4JEL	05/31

New Members

Anthony Doura	KO4KTZ
Robbie Ransdell, Jr	KA4RDR
Kelly Padgett	KO4LRH
Rob Sullivan	KO4PEU
Rhett Davis	
Joe Hendrix	KO4NWW
Jon Alcott	KO4WLA
Ashley Vernon-Hedrick	KN4OSV

HAM RADIO LUNCHEON

Everyone is welcome!

Every Thursday at 11:30 am

New York Diner, 909 McKnight Drive Knightdale.

The location may change, check the AB4OZ entry in
QRZ.COM for the current location

Weather permitting

The free AB4OZ HamFest will be Saturday, May 8, 2021. 10:00 am, Setup at 9:00 am. 6200 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC in the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center parking lot. Check the latest information here QRZ.COM. Pictures from the last AB4OZ [Hamfest](#).

Possible 144.2 MHz interference from 72.1 MHz

PRIMEX clock system

The company PRIMEX is selling a clock service based on 72.1 MHz 30 w transmitter. The second harmonic is making very hard to work weak signals on 144.2

This is what it sounds like <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lumTaCjLUtk>

The company selling this clock on 72 MHz is PRIMEX in Lake Geneva, WI

<https://www.primexinc.com/classicsync-products/72mhz-analog-clocks>

PRIMEX sells 1W, 5 W and 30 W

<https://www.primexinc.com/classicsync-products/transmitters>

Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, New Orleans

From: Carl Davis

To: Tom Lewis

Mon, Apr 26 at 10:54 PM

Hi Tom,

I am in New Orleans this week and had the opportunity to visit a local radio club. The Jefferson Amateur Radio Club has their own building in a park. They built a cell tower on the grounds and rent it to a cell company. That rent pays for their operations. They also have their own antennas on top of the 150-foot cell tower. They have three HF radio stations set up in the clubhouse and several VHF/UHF stations too. Here are some photos. Because the area floods a lot, they built a levy around the building. That is what the steel sea wall fence in front of the building is.

One of the fellows I met there was Chuck N05W. He is a CW operator and we recognized each other's Callsign from working each other in different contests, especially CWT. He is a computer genius. I was there during the Florida QSO party and he brought up a web page he made for that event that shows every active operator on a map, heat maps the counties with the most/least operators on by mode/ band and time and has the APRS location of mobile stations show up in real time. It was fascinating to watch. He sent me the e-mail below and linked to his personal webpage that shows a lot of great ham radio software of his design on it. There are Morse code trainers, software to map the calls in your log-book onto a map and much more. I thought I would share this webpage with you and you might want to put it in the exciter.

Here is the link to Chuck, N05W's [website](#).

73 Carl W8WZ

From Brian Harrison KN4R

Mooresville NC Swap Meet was Sunday April 11, 2pm - 5pm

Mooresville pictures courtesy of Don Edwards

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gn2lp7P0TKRrYrf2IL0g4qR7rFmF5ZeS>

<https://www.rars.org>

Public Service

Greetings RARS members. Just a quick reminder that there are several charity events in need of ham radio support this summer and fall. The events on our schedule this year are all bike rides, are all outdoors, and hams are needed to **staff rest stops and as a mobile operators along the ride routes**. Because the events are outdoors and, especially if you are a mobile operator in your own vehicle, social distancing is easily accomplished. Nevertheless, volunteers will be asked to wear masks and take other COVID-related precautions when necessary.

The first event, the **Cup N' Cone** bike ride benefiting multiple sclerosis charities, is on **May 22, 2021 in Cary**. It is a half-day event that should be over by 1:00 pm. Information about the ride can be found here: [Cup N' Cone Ride](#).

Besides the satisfaction of helping worthy causes, volunteering for public service events is a great way to spend time with fellow hams, enjoy scenic countryside, get on the air, play with your expensive equipment, and show off your rigs! For more information about volunteering, and to sign up to volunteer, please visit <https://www.rars.org/public-service.php>.

Thank you very much. I look forward to seeing you at the events.

Jeremy Lindsley - K2HJX
RARS, Public Service Director



Asheville Radio Museum

The Asheville Radio Museum recently was the recipient of a 1930s-era ham radio station reproduction built by Rick Rogers, K5RCR. Rick, a former LSU professor of Electrophysiology, constructed the receiver based on a schematic published in the February 1947 issue of QST.

"I've been a ham since I was 14," said Rick. "As I grew into the hobby during the 1960s, I was curious to understand what it was like for a ham of modest means during the height of the depression to build and operate a simple station. It was a very eye-opening experience as its construction required a lot of hard work and long hours!"

The station consists of a crystal-controlled transmitter, regenerative receiver and power supply—all home built with available parts. From his QRZ page, Rick explains, "The transmitter is a "new" version of a common (for 1939) homebrew two-tube, 10-watt transmitter using a 6AG7 and 807 tubes. The 4-tube regenerative receiver has a 75, two 6SQ7s, and a 6F6 tube. A home brew power supply provides the necessary power."

Rick further explains, "The first 6SQ7 is hooked up as a cathode follower between the detector and the first audio amp. This enormously improves stability. You have only a vague idea of the frequency you receive, although you can get a pretty good idea about the center of the crystal frequency for the transmitter with some practice. This is like the old novice days with crystal-controlled transmitters and inexpensive "novice-grade" receivers. I had my first QSO on this rig within a few minutes of its initial firing up. It was with K8JD - about 1000 miles north of my QTH. That feeling can't be beaten - working someone that far away on a rig that was a pile of old parts the week before!"

Rick's station can be viewed at the Asheville Radio Museum, but due to **COVID** restrictions, the museum may be closed during regular hours. Please check our [website](https://www.rars.org) for current information or to request a private tour for up to four visitors.

Not your father's car electrical system

Here is a description of a webinar about Automotive Multigigabit Ethernet Compliance Testing offered by Tektronix.

Automotive electrical systems are no longer simple wires between battery, mechanical switches, bulbs, starter, generator and ignition.

Tektronix Webinar:

Autonomous driving and connected vehicle are driving higher speed in-vehicle network. Learn the new measurement requirements for the latest automotive multigigabit Ethernet (10Gbps) compliance test. We will discuss the individual test cases for MultiGBASE-T1 (IEEE 802.3ch) and look at the pitfalls that an engineer might encounter during test setup and execution.

Apart from compliance test, system level noise test is very important. As automotive Ethernet is full-duplex signal, we will learn about award winning non-intrusive method of signal separation solution to perform protocol decode and signal integrity analysis for 100BASE-T1.

By attending, you'll learn:

- *Automotive Ethernet overview*
- *Automotive Ethernet test requirement as per IEEE and Open Alliance*
- *New measurement requirement for multigigabit Ethernet*
- *Test challenges to measure linearity, jitter measurements*
- *System level test for automotive Ethernet*
- *Demo of multigigabit Ethernet compliance*

Demo of protocol decode with non-intrusive approach of signal separation for 100BASE-T1 electrical

Sign up to attend this live event. After the presentation, you'll be able to ask the speaker questions specific to your application. Can't attend? You'll also receive a link to the recorded webinar after the broadcast date.

73 Tom N4TL

North Carolina QSO Party

Marty Young, Chairman

We've just wrapped up another year for the record books in NCQP. Previous all time high of logs received set last year at 423 was blasted away with an astounding 598 for 2021. There are many factors that go into the success of a state QSO Party contest event, not the least of which is the extent NC hams extend the welcome mat via amateur radio out to our neighbors. Maybe I should qualify that as our neighbors far and wide. 75% of the logs received were from outside of North Carolina. Most, of course, came in from our neighbors here in the southeast U.S.A, but the western part of the country, Canada, and even Mexico was represented well. Don't let me forget the handful of reports we got from Europe, and a first for NCQP that I know of, one log from Japan! A tribute to all hams in NC who participated.

The NC QSO Party for most of us starts in February each year as we plan our activity. For the members of the committee it's a year round activity. Now that I have recently retired, I have more time to devote to this great event and am committing to a monthly article here in the Exciter about the inside workings of NCQP. I don't know if there is much interest into the nitty gritty details of what goes on throughout the year, but some might be interested in the "inside baseball" activity.

As I'm writing this, Dwayne, N4MIO, is securing the making of the plaques from JNS Crafts. This is the fourth year we've had Jim at JNS make them and he does a wonderful job. He has a booth with all of his crafts on display at the Raleigh Fairgrounds Flea Market that is certainly worth checking out. These plaques get sent out to the category winners all over the world. This year we have one going to the Czech Republic!

Usually in May we don't have too much going on. We're still coming off the excitement and intensity of the previous running.. This is that time of year each committee member reflects and decides if they are in it for the next year. We've had very little turn over in the 9 years RARS has had the NCQP helm. Four out of the seven of us go back to 2013 when I started as Chairman. I appreciate each and every one who has served, past and present.

Watch the Exciter for future monthly articles about the happenings with NCQP throughout the year. Feel free to contact me, or any committee member if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions concerning NCQP and its operation. Of course, check out the website, www.ncqsoparty.org for the latest information on what's happening. The website is a good resource for new comers of this kind of activity to learn more about this type of on-air activity. I forgot to mention the very first thing I do after the previous event is over is to establish the new date. Put February 27, 2022 10am – 8pm on your calendar!

73 Marty W4MY

YOUTH LOUNGE

Greetings RARS members,

I hope you've been enjoying the recent sunshine. I'd like to ask you for a few minutes of time to complete the following:

[RARS Youth Outreach Survey](#)

RARS aims to increase the quality and quantity of youth outreach and needs your help. This survey will help us determine what resources and expertise exist in the club to further that goal. We hope you'll take a few minutes to indicate if you have time, expertise, or ideas that you think would stir the curiosity of youth as it relates to radio and electronics. The survey is not a commitment to participate in events.

As things begin to return to "normal", RARS plans to schedule regular youth events related to areas such as operating, building, and contesting. These events will be made possible through the support of the club's members. Thank you in advance for your survey response.

Respectfully,

Brantley West K4CBW

cbwest@gmail.com



RARS Classifieds

Copied from <https://www.rars.org/classifieds.php>

The items below were listed within the last 30 days on the RARS website.

Amp Supply LA 1000 HF Amplifier

Posted May 2nd, 2021 by: K4HF

Contact: k4hf@arrl.net

The LA-1000 Amplifier is rated at 1200 Watts PEP. It is a tabletop model with builtin power supply. It can be operated on 120 or 240 VAC. With manual, tested, very good condition - \$395

Contact me by e mail, preferred, or (919)872-6555 - Thanks, Chuck

FOR SALE: Yaesu VR-500 Receiver - \$40

Posted April 29th, 2021 by: KA9QJT

Contact: ka9qjt@hotmail.com

Handheld receiver.

Receives 100 kHz to 1300 Mhz

Modes: CW, SSB (LSB/USB), AM, FMW and FMN

Battery powered HT (2 AA).

With original manual, antenna, lanyard and box.

Does have some minor "missing pixels" near the right and left sides of the LCD. This is reportedly repairable, with instructions on the web.

\$40 cash

Brian Email, or Text/Call 919-609-4664

ICOM IC-92AD 5 Watt 2M/440 MHz Handheld w/D-Star Mode

Posted April 16th, 2021 by: K4HF

Contact: k4hf@arrl.net

ICOM IC-92AD 5 Watt 2M/440 MHz H/T with Digital Voice (D-Star). With three good rechargeable batteries, BC-177 Quick Charger and HM-186LS Spkr mike. In orig box, as new. Asking \$245.

Contact me by e mail, preferred, or (919) 872-6555, Thanks, Chuck

RARS Classifieds continued

FOR SALE or TRADE

Posted April 8th, 2021 by: WB4UFO

Contact: gfrski1948@yahoo.com

HEATH HR 1680 hf rx. 80-10m 125.

Kenwood TS-130s HF transceiver 100w 275.

YAESU FRG-7 gen cov rx. complete cap rep. and dual led mod done. 250.

Yaesu ft-221r 2meter multimode 150.

all above working fine. looks exc.

trades welcome email gfrski1948@yahoo.com or call 919-665-0833

tnx john wb4ufo

For Sale, by N4TL N4TL2@yahoo.com

Lafayette, HA-460, 6 Meter transceiver from 1967. Tuned Nuvistor front end, 20 watts DC input using a 2E26 tube, about 15 watts out. Dual Conversion receiver. Dual built in power supply 12 volts DC, 117VAC. Includes matching microphone and a crystal for 50.400 MHz There is a local net in Raleigh every Monday night at 7Pm on that frequency. Works fine and I have used it on the net for over a year.

\$100.00

73 Tom N4TL

Fake check scams

Be carful when someone offers to buy an item in your classified with a check. I received an email offering \$50 more than I was asking on one of my items. I realized right away what was going on. I played along a little. I told them to send the check to my QRZ.com address. They don't know what that is and I never heard from them again.

There is more information here about [fake check scams](#).

RARS Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

7:00 PM on Zoom

John Honeycutt – Present

Tom Lewis – Present

Greg Seamster – Present

Mark Kilmer – Present

Jeremy Lindsley – Present

Carl Davis – Present

Curt Phillips – Present

Check DeCourt – Not Present

Julie Royster – Not Present

Alan Pitegoff – Present

Tadd Torborg – Present

Ken Latchum – Present

Chuck Littlewood – Present

Brantley West – Present

Joe White – Not Present

Liz White – Not Present

Marty Young – Present

Richard Kroeger – Present

Hank Montgomery – Present

Marc Sullivan - Visitor

Charles Swindell – Visitor

Devon Hedge - Visitor

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

The meeting was called to order by John Honeycutt at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present and the February meeting minutes were approved.

John turned the floor over to Hank to introduce Devon Hedge, who has volunteered to assist with the club website. Devon had contacted Greg to volunteer and Greg pointed him in Hanks direction. Hank and Devon had previously discussed ideas for building a new website using a Content Management System.

Devon introduced himself and described the CMS as being simple to update using a number of media formats. He also pointed out a number of features available in the Drupal system that he recommended.

Mark had a question of security and Hank and Devon described the security features of Delta Force and the Drupal system. The board had a brief discussion and agreed to support Hank, and move forward with the plan. John welcomed Devon aboard.

Status of existing action items: – Mark Kilmer

Existing Action Items:

John Honeycutt:

- Continue attempting to contact Marv Hoffman for the title of his speech in April.
(Closed)
- Set up times with Tom to get pictures for the Plaque recipients.
(In process) - Needed to wait until after the last club meeting to begin.

Curt Phillips:

- Touch base with JARS concerning liability insurance for their van.
(In process) - Awaiting a return to his a phone call
- Send Tom Lewis a spot referencing the SWL meetings.
(Open)

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

Tadd Torborg:

- Put together a detailed proposal for the club accepting the donation of one of the TV vans.

(In Process) - Awaiting a return to his a phone call

Brantley West:

- At Chuck's suggestion, write a monthly article to be put in the Exciter.

(Closed)

- Send a survey to the membership asking what of youth involvement they might be interested in, if any.

(Closed)

New Business:

John, N8ZU, shared correspondence with the board that he had shared with the Cape Fear ARS regarding their participation in the NCQP. The board then discussed the issue and NCQP chair Marty, W4MY, as well as NCQP committee members Mark Sullivan and Charles Swindell were present to participate in the discussion. No action was taken by the board.

Officer Reports:

Vice President - Tom Lewis, N4TL

No Report

Treasurer - Greg Seamster, KE4PAX

Reported on current membership at 441 members. Reported cash assets, inventory and net income.

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

Secretary - Mark Kilmer, KM4JRH

No report

Committee Reports:

Public Service Director:

Jeremy Lindsley, KB4JDL

Reported the upcoming Public Service events. Requested help from the board in obtaining new safety vests. Events will be announced and volunteers requested on the nets and club meetings

Education Director:

Carl Davis, W8WZ

No report

Field Day Chair:

Curt Phillips, W4CP

Reported the prospect of having a “normal” Field Day this year.

FM Repeater Chair:

Chuck DeCourt, W3WZN

No Report

RARS*fest* Chair:

Vacant

No Report

Exciter Editor:

Tom Lewis, N4TL

Tom (N4TL) requested that anyone sending information to him for the Exciter, send it as an attachment and not embedded in the e-mail..

Food Service Chair:

Richard Kroeger, N1FUA

No report

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Net Manager:

Julie Royster, KT4JR

No Report

ARRL Liaison:

Chuck Littlewood, K4HF

No Report

Youth Director:

Brantley West, K4CBW

NC QSO Party Chair:

Marty Young, W4MY

No Report

RARS VE Coordinators:

Joe White, WA4GIR

Liz White, K04CK

RARS Webmaster:

Hank Montgomery, K4HM

Reported on the updates to the RARS web site, working with Brantley and Curt on additional updates.

Trustee Chair:

Carl Davis, W8WZ

No Report

At Large Director:

Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ

No Report

At Large Director:

Tadd Torborg, KA2DEW

No Report

At Large Director:

Ken Latchum, AD4GX

No report

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Past President:

Carl Davis, W8WZ

No report

Additional New Business:

Alan reported that a member had contacted him indicating he was getting bad information on the repeater list. Although, no mention was made of the page in question or the issue with the information. During the meeting, Greg discovered that by doing a Google query, to link to the old page appeared. Hank will fix the problem.

New Action Items:

Jeremy Lindsley:

- Obtain quotes for new safety vests and report back to the board.
- Make announcements on the club meetings requesting volunteers for the PS events.

Curt Phillips:

- Contact Greg on budgetary requirements.
- Add an announcement to the RARS website and request the announcement be added to the Exciter next month. Send the announcement to the reflector list.

Hank Montgomery:

- Fix repeater page link in website.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next meeting date: April 20, 2021

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Mark Kilmer (KM4JRH)

Secretary

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

RARS Membership Meeting – April 13, 2021

Minutes

7:30 PM on Zoom

The meeting was called to order by John Honeycutt at 7:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call for recognition of visitors, new members and license upgrades:

John invited any new members, visitors or those who recently received licenses or upgrades to introduce themselves.

Anthony Doura, KO4KTZ

Steve Little, N4BTS

David Howard, KO4NTB

Quorum call:

A quorum was present.

Minutes for March 2021 were approved.

Officer Reports:

President - John Honeycutt, N8ZU

The next Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM next week. Club members may attend as guests by request the Zoom information from Greg Seamster via a link on the club website.

Vice President - Tom Lewis, N4TL

The next club meeting will be an introduction to, and training for the N1MM logging program. The presentation will be made by Tom Lewis (N4TL).

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Treasurer - Greg Seamster, KE4PAX

The current membership is at 452 members. Greg also reported cash assets and inventory. A new UPS was purchased for one of the repeater sites.

Secretary - Mark Kilmer, KM4JRH

No report

Specific Announcements or Reports from Directors:

Director at Large – Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ

Announced his upcoming quarterly 10m net.

Director at Large – Tadd Torborg, KA3DEW

Noted that the TARPEN project is drawing interest for a number of new HAM's.

Public Service Director – Jeremy Lindsley, K2HJX

There are now 10 events scheduled. Upcoming activities have posted on the RARS website.

Youth Director – Brantley West, K4CBW

Requested that anyone with the opportunity, any youth into your shack and put them in front of the radio, and take their picture.

Mentioned the new upcoming YOTA contest and the ARRL Kids day coming up.

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Field Day Chair – Curt Phillips, W4CP

Noted that Field Day will be conventional this year and is coming up soon. It will be at The Farm on June 26th and 27th.

Floor Opened for Additional Announcements or Reports from Directors or Members:

Chuck Littlewood (K4HF)

Reminded everyone that there is quite a bit of equipment and information on the RARS classified page.

Tonight's Program:

Tom Lewis introduced Marvin Hoffman, WA4NC, who is the ARRL, section manager for North Carolina. The nights program is entitled, "HAM radio and the ARRL". A Q&A session followed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Next meeting date: May 11, 2021

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Mark Kilmer (KM4JRH)

Secretary

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